

CCL2008.08.19

At the Council Meeting of **COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL** held at EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL on **19 AUGUST 2008**.

**PRESENT**

Cllr Keith Baker, Chairman  
Cllr KD Johnson, Vice-Chairman  
Cllrs Susan Davies, Janet Dover, Coirin Duff, Peter Finney, John Gooch,  
Joe Kingsmill, Ted Phillips, Don Wallace, John Warren.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Mike Bartlett, John Bell, Tony Holloway, David Packer.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

PCSO Matt Johnson.

**125.08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Baker and Davies declared an interest in Item 7, Parish Plan Steering Group.

**126.08 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman informed Council that Mrs Guilmant-Cush was unable to continue with the coffee morning proposal as volunteers had not been forthcoming. Mrs Guilmant-Cush had been thanked for her time and efforts in attempting to organise the coffee mornings.

The Chairman reported on the Churchmoor Road street meeting held with residents to discuss the possibility of having allotments on land at Bytheway. He asked Members to forward the comments they had received to the Clerk.

The Chairman asked Members to read the Reception invitation list and let the Clerk have any alterations.

Canon John Goodall had asked the Chairman to choose a charity where the collection money for the Christmas Carols celebration could be donated. Cllr Gooch suggested the Citizens' Advice Bureau. The Chairman asked Members to forward their ideas to the Clerk.

**127.08 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 July were submitted.

Cllr John Gooch be added to the list of Members present.

76.08 Reports DCC – the figure should read £16.4 million and not £6.4 million.

76.08 Reports Colehill Memorial Hall Management Committee – Replace the sentence “He requested that the Council, as Custodian Trustees, finance any essential work.” with “The Memorial Hall Management Committee had requested that the Council confirm that, as Custodian Trustees, they would support the Hall financially in an emergency.”

76.08 Reports Parish Ancient Monuments Liaison Officer – Cllr Gooch reported that he had recently attended a meeting at Cranborne Chase - this sentence be moved to Representatives on Other Bodies.

76.08 Reports Colehill Library – the word “many” in the first sentence be replaced with “some”.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed.

**128.08 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

80.08 Keep Wimborne Green – The Chairman had met with the Chair of Keep Wimborne Green and had agreed that the Council would fund the public meeting on the 17 September, with the Chairman chairing the meeting and Keep Wimborne Green guesting. Keep Wimborne Green would be permitted to sell tea and coffee. Cllr Davies requested that the stage be used for the speakers to maximise hall space. Cllr Johnson agreed that CoMAD’s microphones could be used at a cost of £20.00.

**129.08 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

(a) HIGHWAYS & PLANS - 15 JULY

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

(b) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES – 15 JULY

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

102.08 Colehill Community Website – The Chairman reported on the meeting with Adido Solutions. Good progress was being made.

105.08 Allotment Proposal – The Chairman reported that EDDC’s Policy and Resources Committee would meet on 3 September to decide whether to lease land at Bytheway to this Council. The decision would be announced at Council on 7 October and if favourable, a Sub Committee would be set up to progress with setting up the allotments. The Clerk to ask EDDC’s Head of Community Services to consider an alternative area of land at Bytheway.

106.08 Proposed Public Meeting – this would now be held on 17 September 2008.

110.08 Closed Circuit Television – the equipment had been reported as faulty. X-Act Security had removed the equipment for repair.

104.08(5) Conservation Workday Tools – Cllr Johnson reported that the tools had been used. Cllr Gooch requested a litter picker to enable him to litter pick the area by Colehill First School and Colehill Memorial Hall.

104.08(10) Allotments – Dr Lesley Haskins had found flowers on the site at Bytheway, but considered that the area was not worthy of being a Site of Special Scientific Interest. However, she did not think the land should be developed.

(c) HIGHWAYS AND PLANS COMMITTEE – 12 AUGUST

The report of the Meeting was submitted.

124.08 (a) The hazardous posts had been replaced.

124.08 (f) The Paget Close road sign had still not been installed.

RESOLVED that the report be approved and adopted.

**130.08 PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 June was distributed for information.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be NOTED.

**131.08 COLEHILL COMMUNITY WEBSITE LIAISON OFFICER (Minutes 11.08, 48.08 and 69.08 refer)**

Cllr Gooch proposed that this post be removed as it had been superseded by the Editorial Board, seconded by Cllr Finney. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that the Colehill Community Website Liaison Officer post be removed and replaced with the Editorial Board.

**132.08 PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP (Minutes 20.08 and 69.08 refer)**

The draft Terms of Reference for the new Advisory Committee was circulated to Members and appears as Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

It was agreed that the sentence “A minimum of two Members of Council and a minimum of four Members of the Colehill Parish Plan Steering Group” be replaced with “ A minimum of two Members of Council and such co-opted Members as the Council may decide”.

Cllr Gooch proposed that the new amended version be approved, seconded by Cllr Finney. (9:0 2 abstentions).

RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference be APPROVED.

**133.08 COMMUNITY AWARDS**

The Chairman asked Council to consider issuing Community Awards to deserving residents. He suggested that the Awards could be presented at the Council’s reception.

After discussion it was decided not to issue Community Awards this year, but to invite deserving residents to the Reception instead, with the Chairman giving them a special mention in his speech. It was considered that this matter should be reviewed next year.

RESOLVED that one off special invitations be sent to deserving residents and that this matter be reviewed next year.

**134.08 COMMUNITY EVENTS (Minute 103.08 refers)**

Cllr Davies asked Council to consider holding a community event for Colehill children as part of the aims of the Parish Plan community action plan. Cllr Davies explained her ideas of holding a day time Easter event for 3-10 year olds and an evening event for 11-16 year olds.

Cllr Gooch proposed that Cllr Davies be supported in her proposal, seconded by Cllr Warren. Unanimous.

PCSO Matt Johnson informed Council of an initiative focussing on the community using sport. He had organised football teams for 11-14 year olds and 15-17 year olds. He sought Council's support in this initiative. The Clerk to provide PCSO Johnson with a grant aid application form. Grant aid would be discussed at Finance and General Purposes on 21 October 2008.

Cllr Dover proposed that the Council support this initiative in principle, seconded by Cllr Kingsmill. Unanimous.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) a Community Event be supported, with Cllr Davies investigating the details and reporting back to Council;
- (b) the initiative focussing on the community using sport be supported in principle.

**135.08 SEMINAR ON LOCAL INVESTIGATION OF BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS**

East Dorset District Council had arranged two seminars on 23 September at 10.00 am and on 24 September at 7.00 pm.

The Clerk would attend the seminar on the 23 September and the Chairman would attend on the 24 September. Cllrs Dover and Wallace would be attending as District Councillors.

NOTED.

**136.08 DAPTC AGM RESOLUTIONS**

DAPTC had invited Parish and Town Councils to submit resolutions to be discussed at the AGM on 1 November 2008.

It was decided that the Council did not wish to submit any resolutions.

NOTED.

**137.08 ELECTION DAY CONSULTATION**

A consultation was being conducted on whether elections should be moved from the traditional Thursday to the weekend to determine whether this would make voting more accessible and encourage a higher turnout.

The consultation was part of the government's constitutional renewal programme and DAPTC had asked for the Council's views.

Cllr Dover proposed that the day should remain as a Thursday, seconded by Cllr Kingsmill. (8:3)

RESOLVED that DAPTC be informed that the Council considered election day should remain as a Thursday.

**138.08 LANDSCAPE CHARACTER ASSESSMENT**

The Chairman reported that EDDC was conducting a consultation on its draft landscape character assessment.

NOTED.

**139.08 SECRETARY OF STATE'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY FOR THE SOUTH WEST**

The Chairman reported that a consultation was being conducted on the proposed changes and that comments were required by 17 October.

Members were asked to read about the proposed changes in preparation for the public meeting on 17 September. The views of the public would be considered before submitting comments to the Secretary of State.

NOTED.

**140.08 REPORTS  
DCC**

Cllr Dover reported that she would be attending a DCC consultative meeting on the RSS and would be willing to inform the public of DCC's view at the public meeting on 17 September.

Cllr Dover reported that fundraising at The Reef was going well and that Andrew Berry was hoping to attend a future Highways and Plans Committee to update Members on the progress of the Middlehill Road traffic calming measures.

**EDDC**

Cllr Dover reported that EDDC had altered its response regarding the loss of post offices from regretted the closures to deplored the closures and would request that Longham Post Office remain open. Cllr Dover also explained that views were being sought on the DCC and EDDC Waste Strategy document

Cllr Wallace reported that an Enforcement Order had been issued on 70 Canford Bottom due to a 6ft high fence. He further reported that the Colehill Parish Plan would be discussed at Policy and Resources Committee on 3 September.

**COLEHILL FIRST SCHOOL**

Cllr Warren reported that he was no longer a governor at the School.

**WIMBORNE CEMETERY JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

No report.

**THE REEF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

No report.

**COLEHILL MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr Gooch reported that the cost of the works would be £18,600 and would be finished well before the public meeting on 17 September. He considered that it was a credit to the Committee for obtaining funding.

**DAPTC**

Cllr Warren reported that the Post Office had joined Dorset with Devon and Cornwall when considering the post office closures.

**RIGHTS OF WAY LIAISON OFFICER**

No report.

**PARISH ANCIENT MOMUMENTS LIAISON OFFICER**

Cllr Gooch reported that the Forestry Commission would be installing an information board at Cannon Hill Plantation.

**COLEHILL LIBRARY**

Cllr Gooch reported that Friends of Colehill Library had informed DCC that there would not be a demand for volunteers as the hours had only been altered from 23 to 20 hours per week.

**REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr Johnson reported on his attendance at the Girl Guide camp at Dorchester. The Guides were planning for their 2010 Centenary event and he had reminded them to apply for grant aid.

**POLICE UPDATE**

PCSO Johnson considered it would be beneficial if a Councillor attended the street corner meetings. The Chairman agreed that this could be organised and requested the dates of future meetings.

**141.08 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED that the accounts listed in Appendix 2 be passed for payment and cheques drawn accordingly.

The Meeting ended at 21.15 hrs.

CHAIRMAN